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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF OCT 6 DETAINEES

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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIAL THAT THOSE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH OCT 6 COUP INCIDENT ARE BEING TRIED (SEE REF B) OR WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL SHORTLY IN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY COURTS, DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE CHARGES. THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT RECEIVE SUMMARY JUSTICE UNDER ARTICLE 21 OF THE CONSTITUTION. THOSE ACCUSED OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES AND NATIONAL SECURITY CRIMES, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL BE TRIED IN MILITARY COURTS. TRIALS IN BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY COURTS ARE TO BE IN PUBLIC NOT IN SECRET, ALTHOUGH PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT THE LATTER MAY BE RESTRICTED.

2. SINCE THE CHARGES RANGE FROM ASSAULT AND BATTERY AND ILLEGALLY CARRYING WEAPONS IN PUBLIC TO CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AND BEING COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS, THE SENTENCES HANDED DOWN COULD RANGE FROM FINES TO THE DEATH PENALTY. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE BULK OF THE DEFENDANTS
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IF CONVICTED, WILL BE SENTENCED TO VARIOUS TERMS IN JAIL.

3. RTG OFFICIALS ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF U.S. INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT OBJECT TO AN INDEPENDENT OR EMBASSY OBSERVER PRESENT AT THE TRIALS. EMBASSY HAS PLANNED ALL ALONG TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO THE MORE SIGNIFICANT TRIALS.

4. SOURCE OF FIGURE OF 100 PERSONS USED IN PARA ONE
OF REFTTEL PROBABLY IS BASED ON FACT THAT POLICE SAY
77 STILL DETAINED FROM OCT 6 AND THAT CHARGES ARE
OUTSTANDING AGAINST 33 OTHERS WHO WERE RELEASED ON
BAIL. NOT RPT NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE 33 OTHERS WILL BE TRIED.
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